



**COLONEL DONALD C. HUFF
COMMANDER
WHITE SANDS TEST CENTER**

Colonel Donald C. Huff assumed duties as Commander, White Sands Test Center on 11 August 2003. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Huff served as the Military Deputy to the Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Military District of Washington.

Colonel Huff's most recent assignments include Chief, Battle Simulations Division, Seventh Army Training Command, U.S. Army Europe and Product Manager for Apache Attack Helicopter Modernization, Program Executive Office for Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, AL. After completing the Air Force's Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL, Colonel Huff served as Deputy Director, Open Systems Joint Task Force, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Military District of Washington.

Colonel Huff enlisted in the United States Army in 1971. Following basic and advanced individual training, he served as a Fixed Wing Crew Chief for Army flight detachments at U.S. Readiness Command, Mac Dill AFB, FL, and 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, KY. In 1976, Colonel Huff completed the Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course. As a Warrant Officer Aviator, Colonel Huff flew attack helicopters in 1st Squadron (Air), 17th Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC, and 503rd Aviation Battalion (Combat), USAREUR. While in Europe, Colonel Huff received a Direct Appointment to First Lieutenant and assignment as Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Aviation Battalion (Combat), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). Upon his return to CONUS, Colonel Huff served as Operations Officer and Executive Officer, A Company, 24th Attack Helicopter Battalion, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). After the unit's transition to "J-Series" structure, Colonel Huff served as Commander, B Company, and Battalion S-3, 24th AHB. Colonel Huff moved into the acquisition arena with an assignment as Mission Control Officer, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll. Follow on assignments included: Training with Industry at Hughes Missile Systems, Canoga Park, CA, and Project Director, Aviation Test Bed, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command, Orlando, FL.

Colonel Huff graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Aeronautics. He holds a Master of Science Degree, Acquisition Management, from Florida Institute of Technology, and a Master of Science Degree, Strategic Studies, from Air War College. Colonel Huff is an Aviation Officer and a Level III certified member of the Army Acquisition Corps. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer's Advanced Course, Materiel Acquisition Management Course, Army Command and General Staff College, Defense Systems Advanced Program Management Course, and Air War College.

Colonel Huff's military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, and Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge. He is a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,500 flight hours in attack, scout, and utility helicopters. Colonel Huff holds both the Senior Army Aviator Badge (Officer) and the Air Crew Members Badge (Enlisted).

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